



# **A Sustainable Water Supply for our Future**

**The Cheapest Water  
You Will Ever Have  
Is The Water You  
Already Have!**



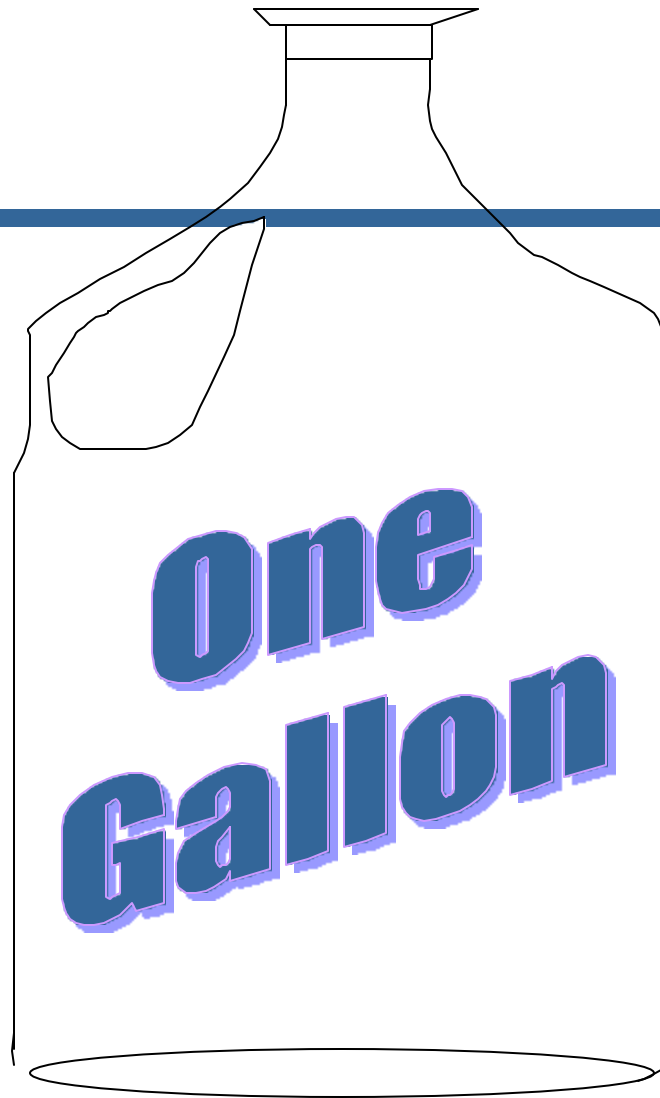
**Cost**

**\$1.00 - \$6.00**

**Depending  
on inclusion  
of  
wastewater.**

# Treatment Cost

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**20 to 60  
cents per  
1000 gallon**

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# Other Reasons

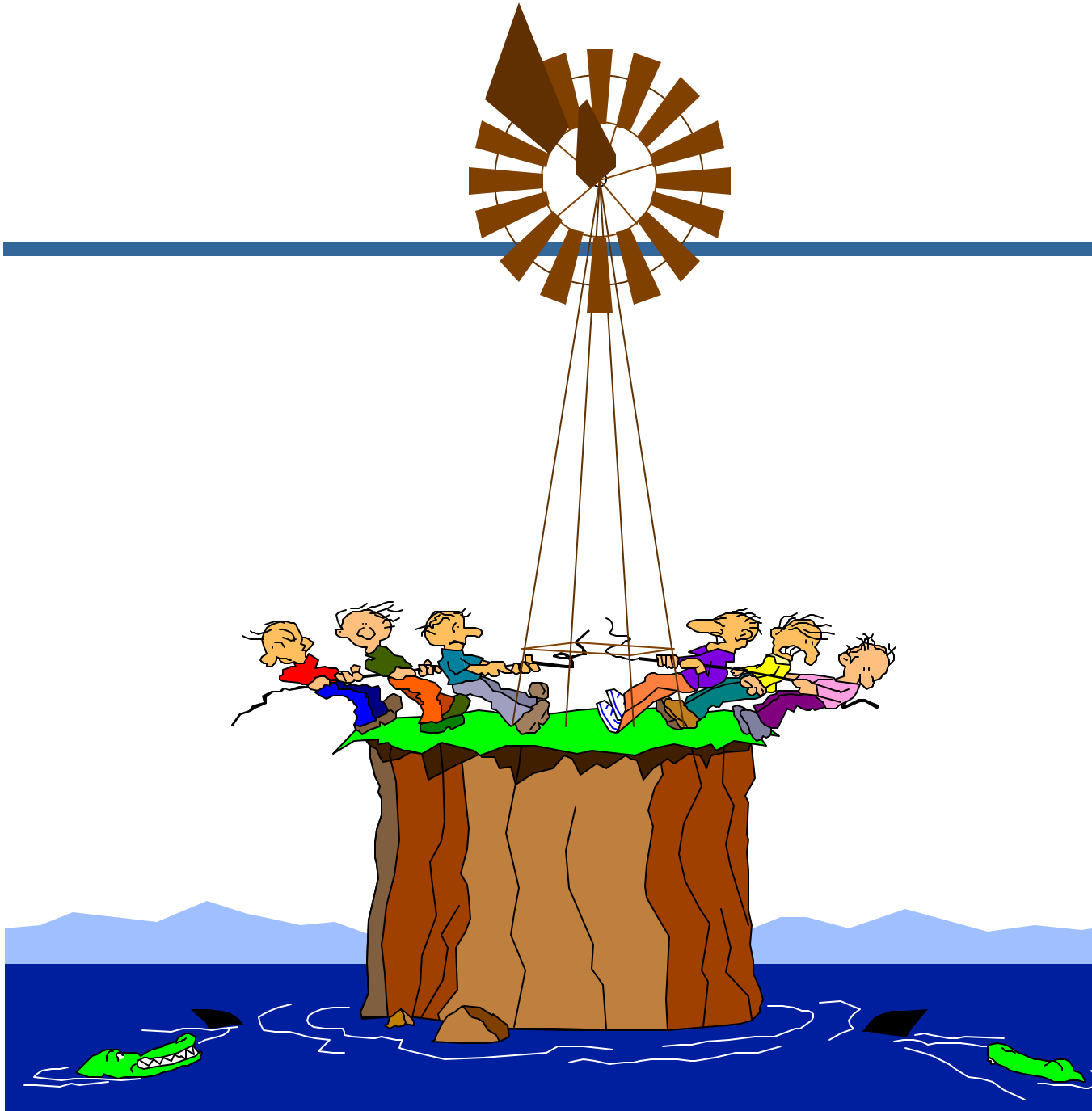
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- **Environmental costs and limitations**
- **Availability of new conventional sources limited**
- **Political implications**

# The Nature of Freshwater Resources

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Water is an infinitely  
replenishable resource,  
but at a **finite** and  
**variable** rate.



You can  
only get  
as much  
as  
mother  
nature  
allows  
you to.  
Any more  
& ????

***There are only three  
things in life that are  
certain***

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***Death, Taxes, &***

***another Drought***



# Energy/Water

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- Hot water use
- Cooling Towers
- Evaporation Credit Program

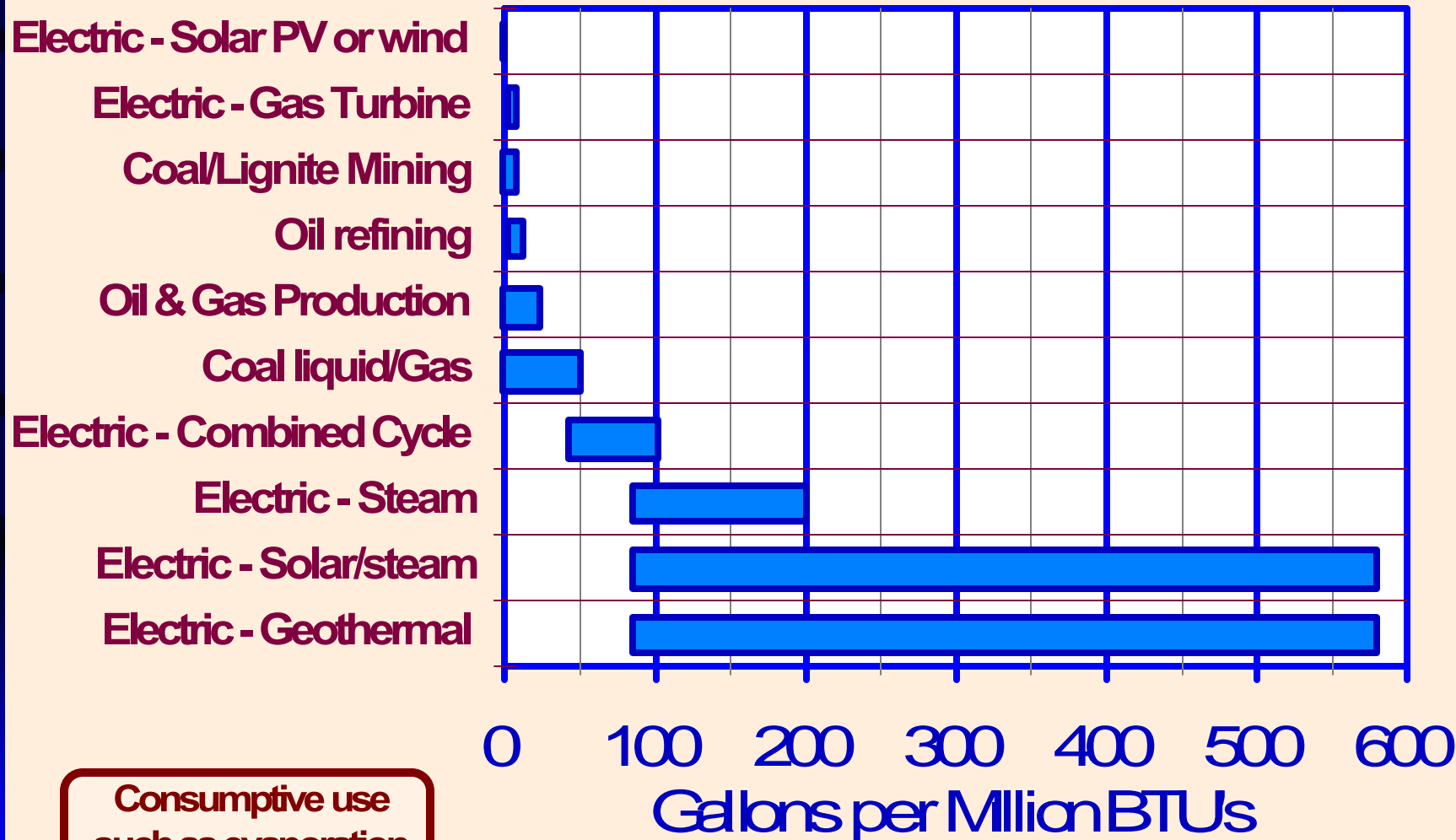
# Energy for Water Production

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- **4% to 5% of all electricity sold in the US is for water and wastewater operations**
- **In Austin, we use 3.9 kWh per 1000 gallons including sewer.**

# Water for Energy Production

Gallons per Million BTUs



Consumptive use  
such as evaporation



*What does  
this mean to  
you in  
dollars &  
cents?*

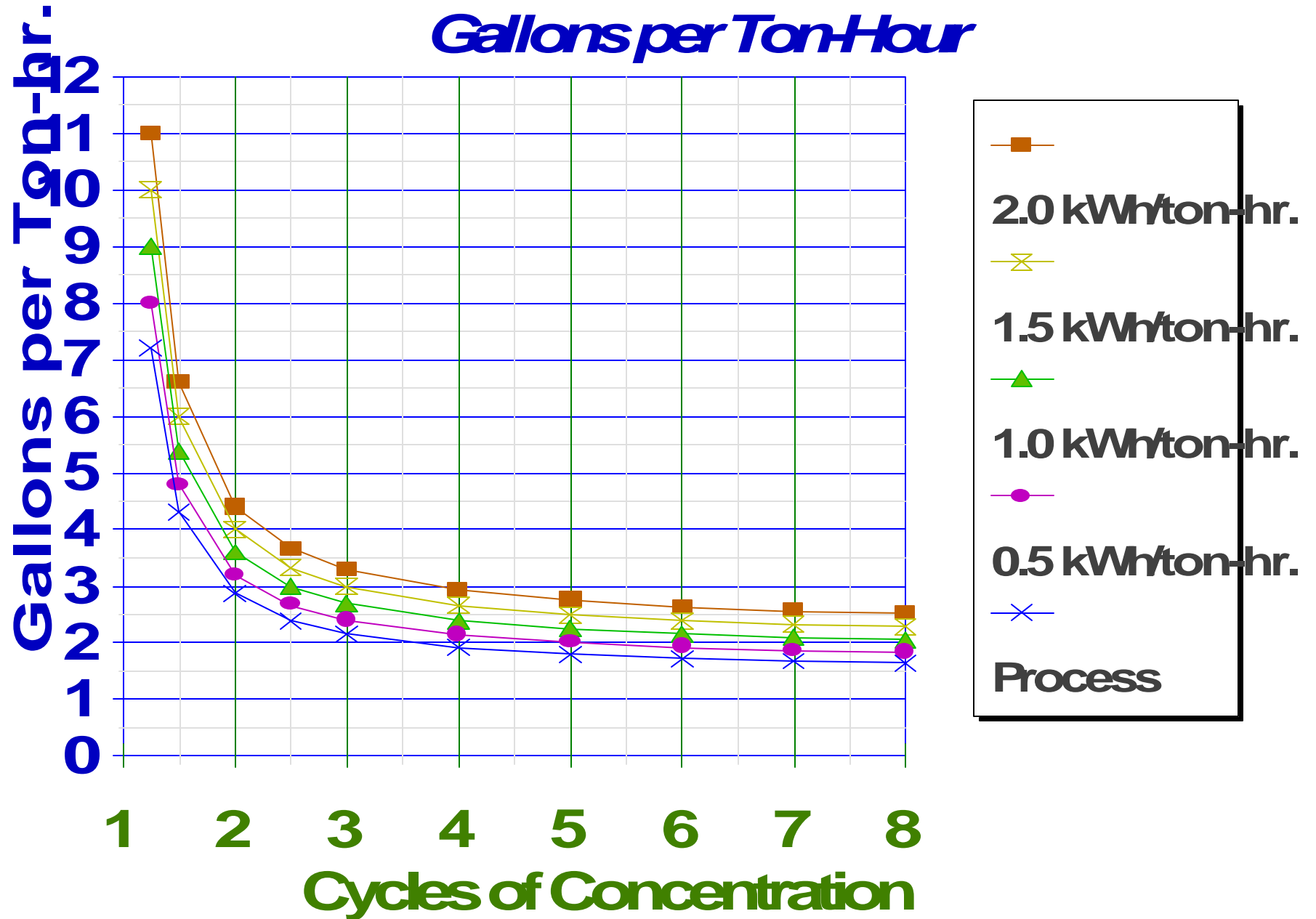
**Water & Wastewater Alone - \$850 per year**

**Hot Water (Gas) - \$1,380 per year**

**Hot Water (Electric) - \$2,000 per year**

# Cooling Tower Water Use

## *Gallons per Ton-Hour*



# So Do I have to Dump my Blow-down

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- **No! Many places use the blow-down for other uses such as landscape irrigation or scrubber water.**
- **You must check local regulations first.**

# Once-through Cooling

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- Air cooled
- Connect to cooling tower
- Use water for other purposes

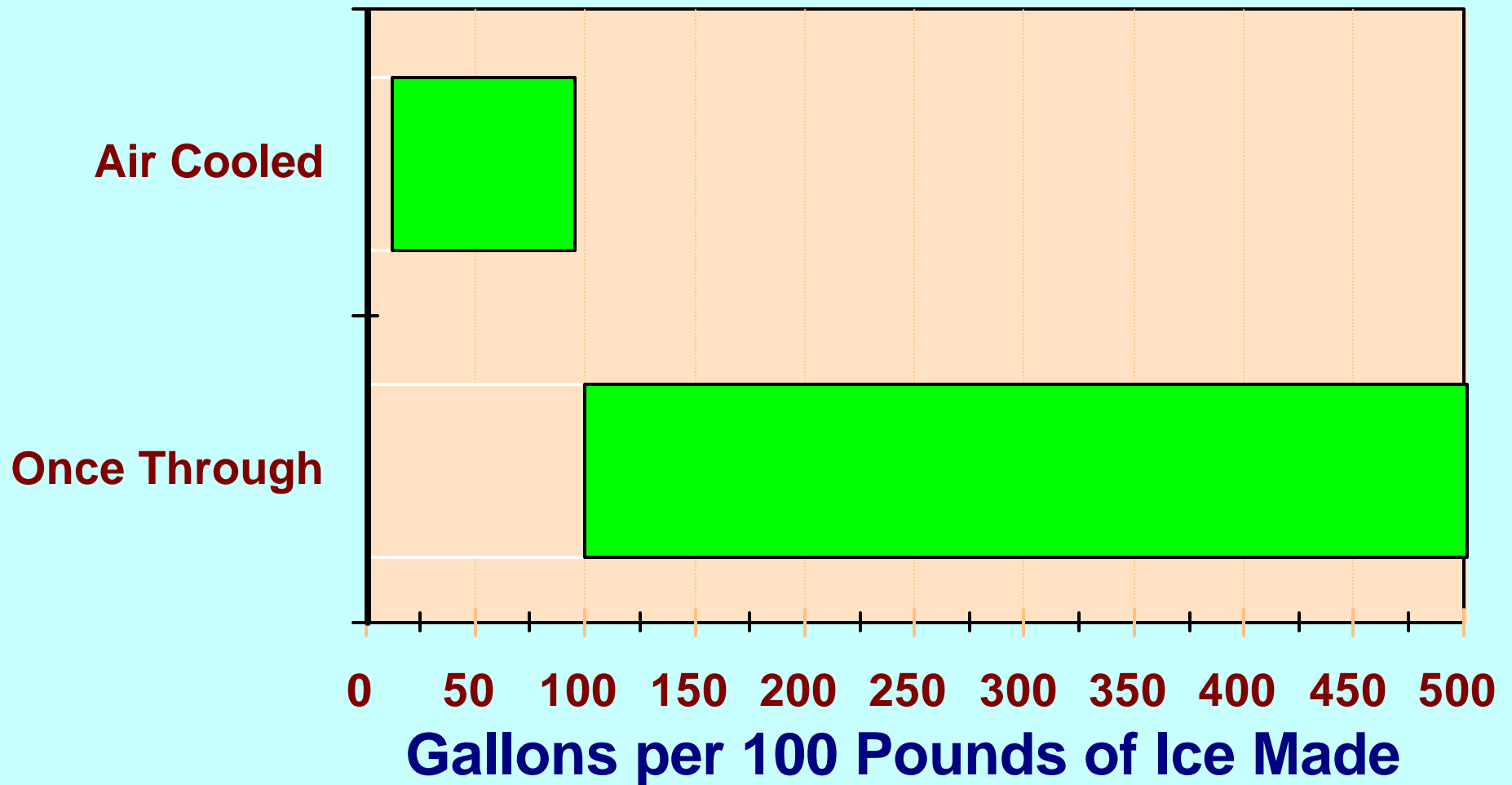






# Comparison of Water Use for Ice Making

## *Commercial Units*



# Air pollution for Power use for Water and Wastewater Treatment

*Based on Austin Mix of Generation*

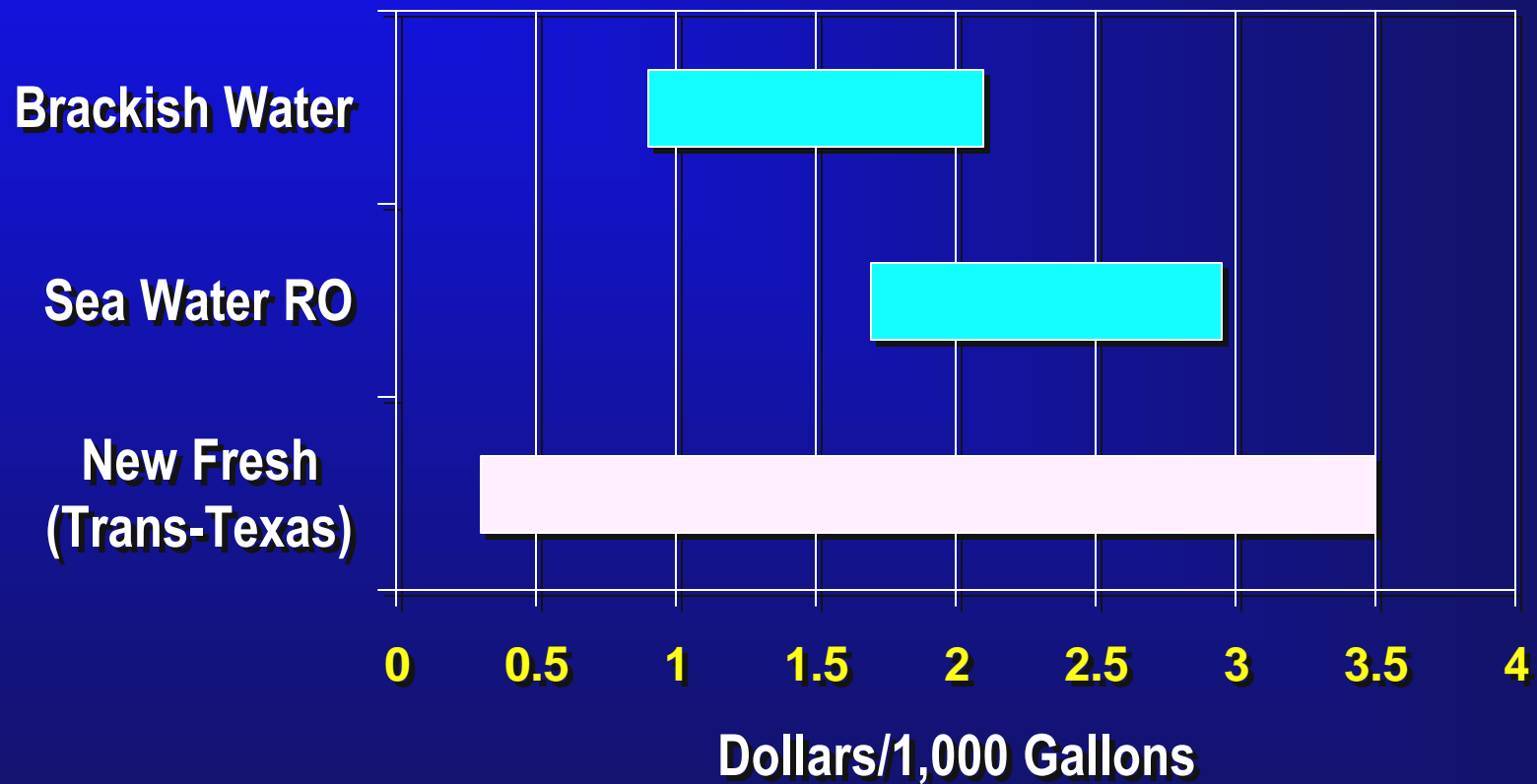
Pollutant	SO <sub>2</sub>	NOx	Particulates	CO	CO <sub>2</sub>
Grams/kWh*	1.58	1.22	0.13	0.16	540.0
Grams/1000 Gal.	6.2	4.8	0.5	0.6	2,277.3

# The True Cost of Water

- **Water Cost**
- **Sewer/Pre-treatment**
  - **Energy**
  - **Chemicals**
- **Solid Waste Disposal**
- **Capital Equipment**
  - **Labor**
  - **Liability**

# Comparison of New Fresh Water Supplies to Desalting Cost in Texas

(Treated water at pressure in system)



# Example Non-Residential Water & Sewer Rates

(\$/1000 gallon)

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<b>Water</b>	<b>\$ 2.00</b>
<b>Sewer</b>	<b>\$ 3.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

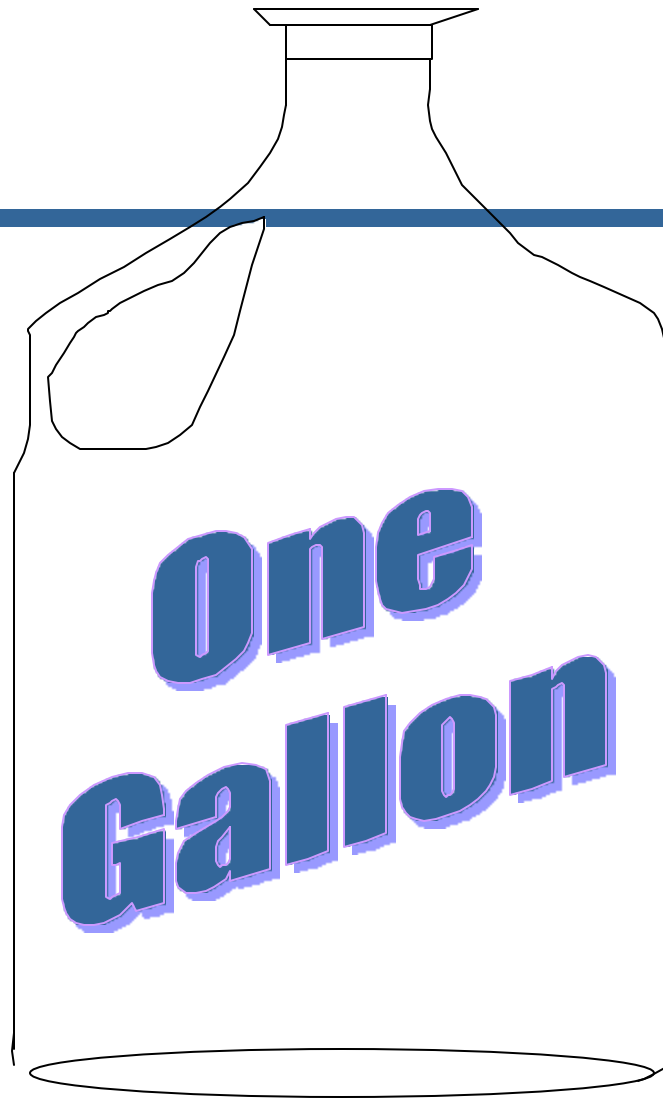
# Cost of Water

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## Heated to 140°F

*Dollars per 1000 Gallons*

Fuel	Energy	Water	Sewer	Total
Electricity	\$7.50	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$12.50
Gas	\$3.50	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$8.50



## Unit Cost

**0.5 to 1.3  
cents per  
gallon**

**Depending  
on inclusion  
of Energy.**





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# **Some Examples**

# Process Considerations

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- **Process adjustments**
- **Process modifications**
- **Process substation**
- **Materials substation**

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# Plumbing



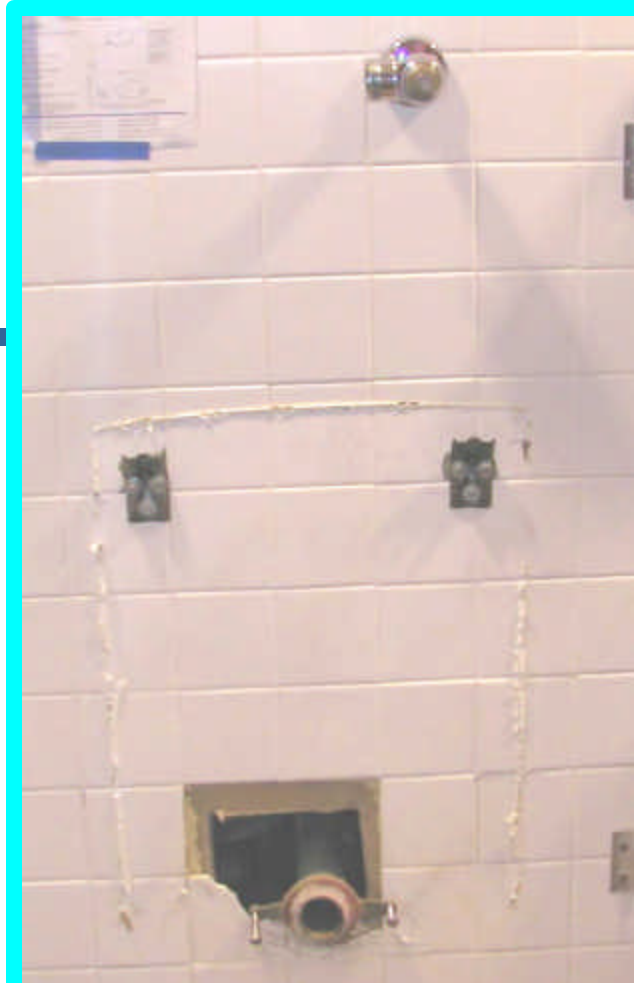
**Daily Use  
at Work**

**1.2 Toilet Uses  
3.0 Urinal Uses**



**Daily Use  
at Work**

**3.8 Toilet Uses**



***Installing a Waterless Urinal***



## Flush Valve Information

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*Replace insert  
yearly at \$35 +  
labor*

*2.8 to 3.6 cents  
per male per  
day or \$6 to \$9  
per male per  
year*

# Laundry

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- Separate by cycles needed
- Choose efficient equipment  
**2.5 gal/lb or less**
- Choose water saving technologies





**An  
Example  
of Water  
Reuse at  
a Hotel  
Laundry.**



# Pools & Spas

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- Leaks & Repair
- Reuse of filter backwash

# Spray Systems Waste Water

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ONLY IN TEXAS!

# Landscape

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***A great place for***

**Alternate sources of  
water**

# Food Service

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***Many Uses and Opportunities***

# Types of Use

- Dish Washer
- Garbage Disposal
  - Scullery
- Heated Serving Tables
  - Ice Machine
  - Faucets
- Thawing Food

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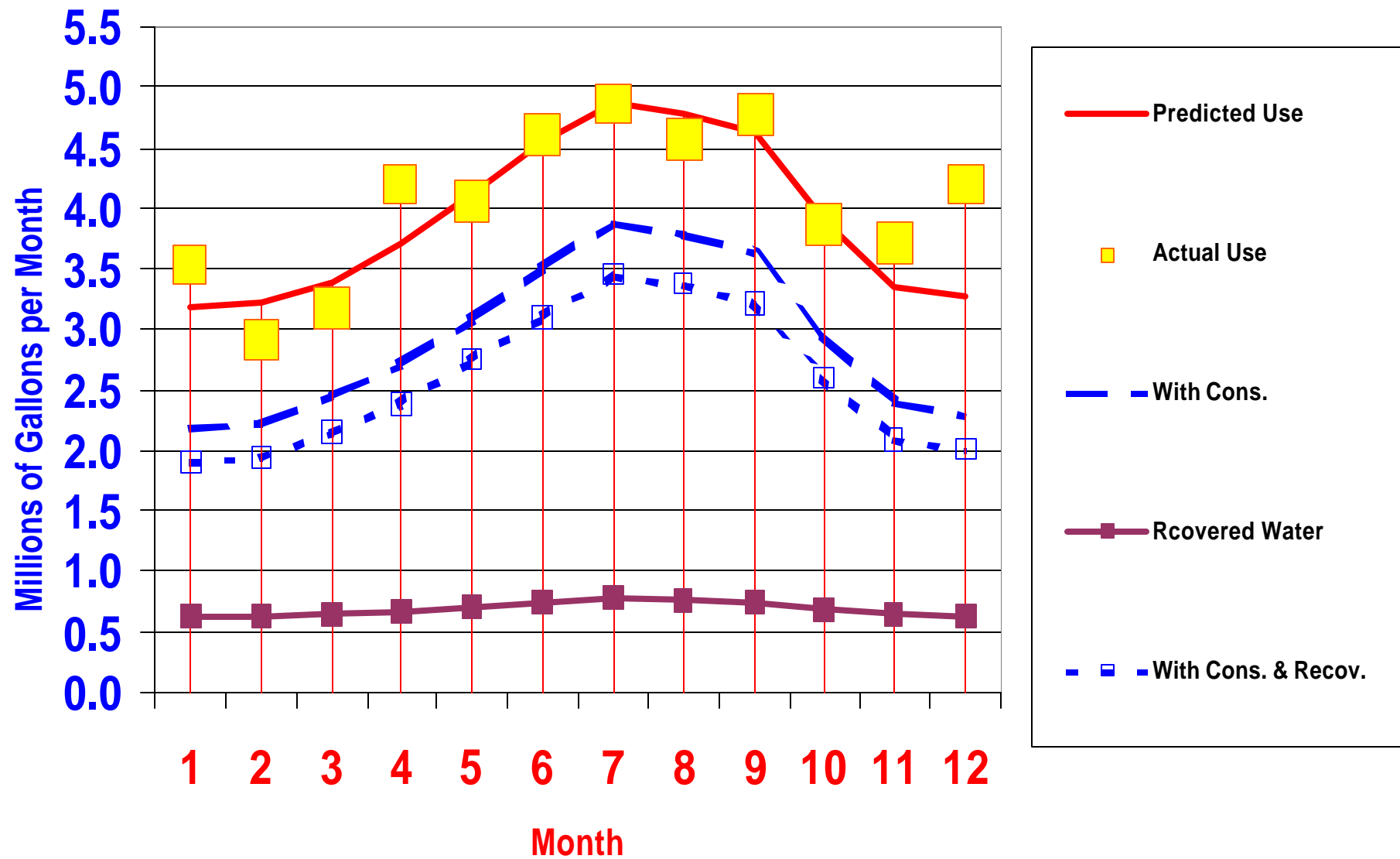
- **Freezers and Refrigerators**
  - **Ice Cream Machines**
    - **Coffee Urns**
  - **Steam Cabinets**
    - **Boilers**
    - **Steam Kettles**
      - **???**



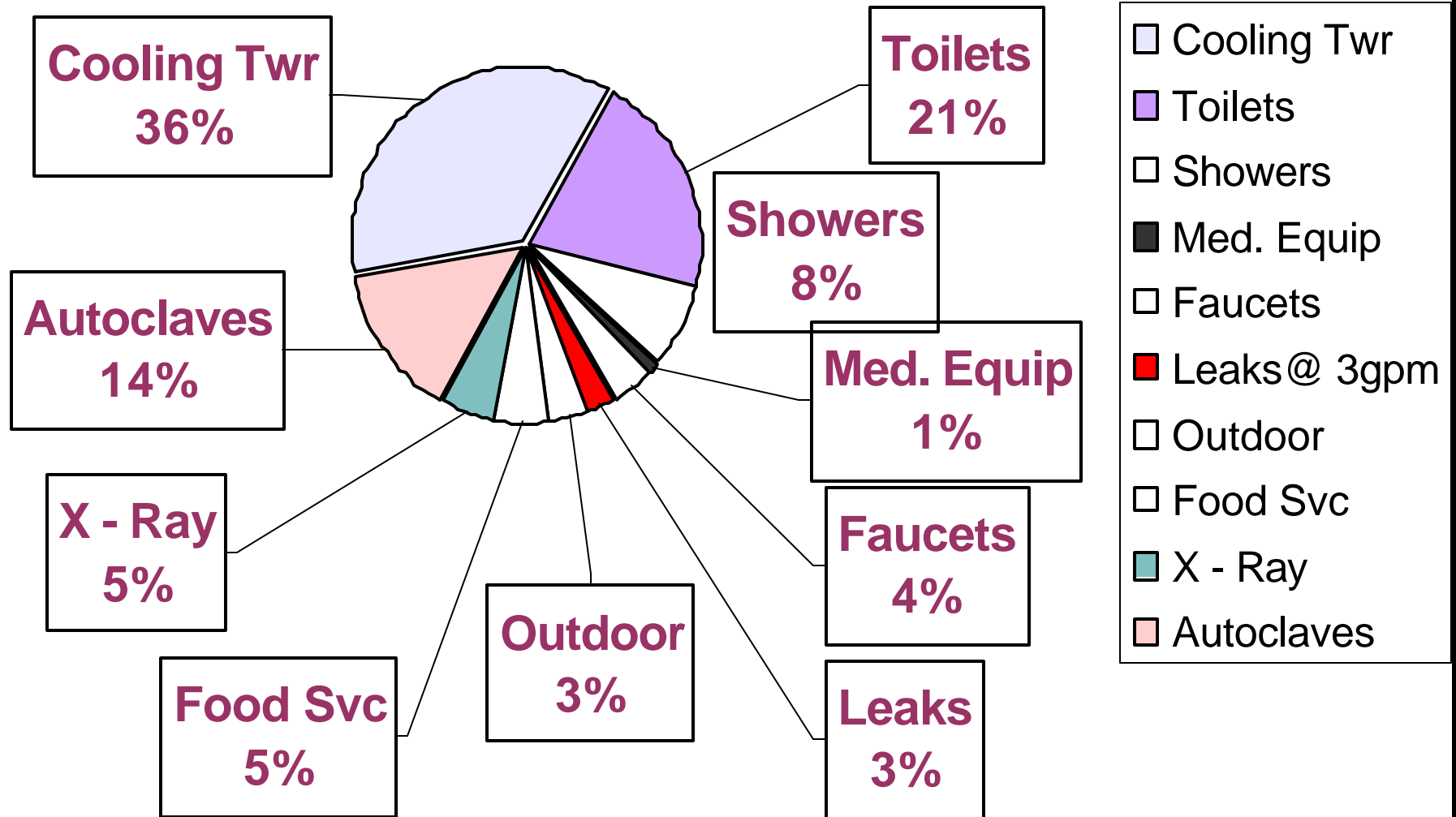
- **90% less water**
- **Big energy savings**
- **No water hookup**
- **No sewer hookup**
- **No vent**

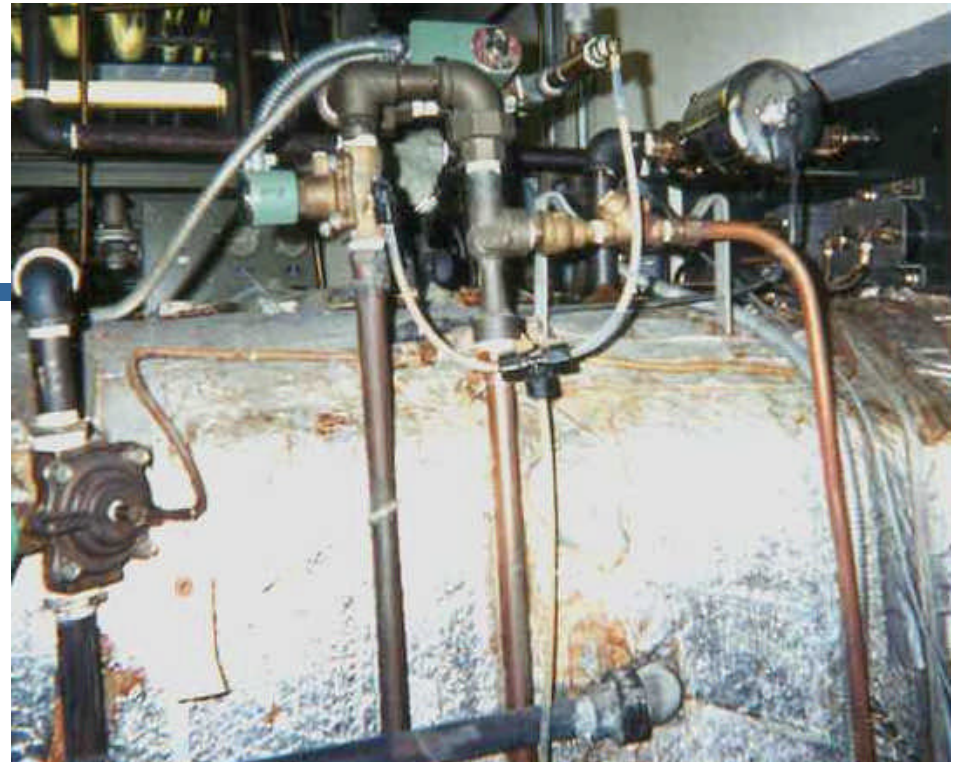


# Monthly Water Use at a Local Medical Center



# Annual Water Use at A Large Medical Center Before Conservation

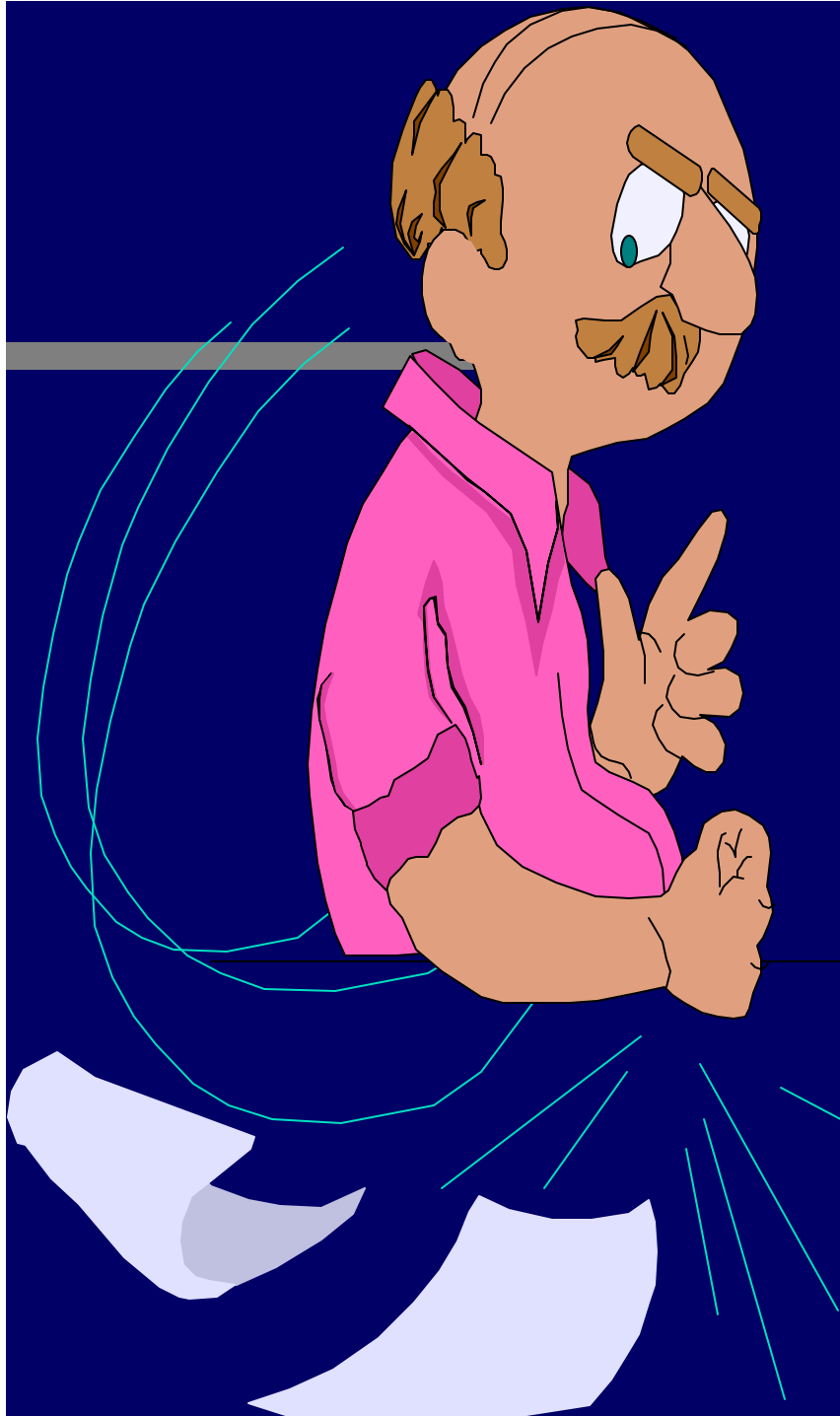




# Alternate Sources

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- Storm/rain water
- Local groundwater
- Air conditioner condensate
  - Reclaimed Water
  - Other sources??



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**MY**  
**SEWAGE**  
and **you**  
can t have it













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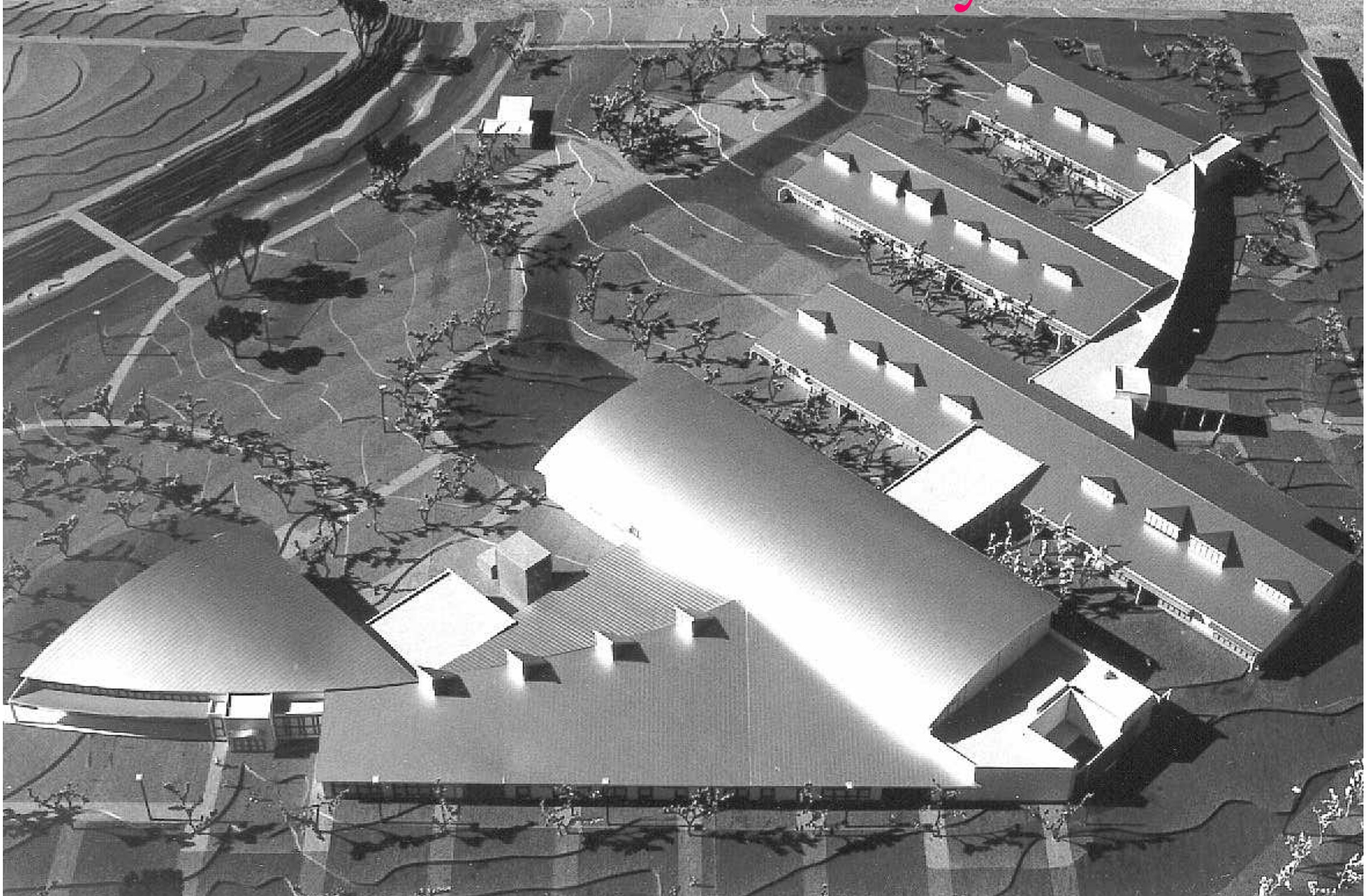




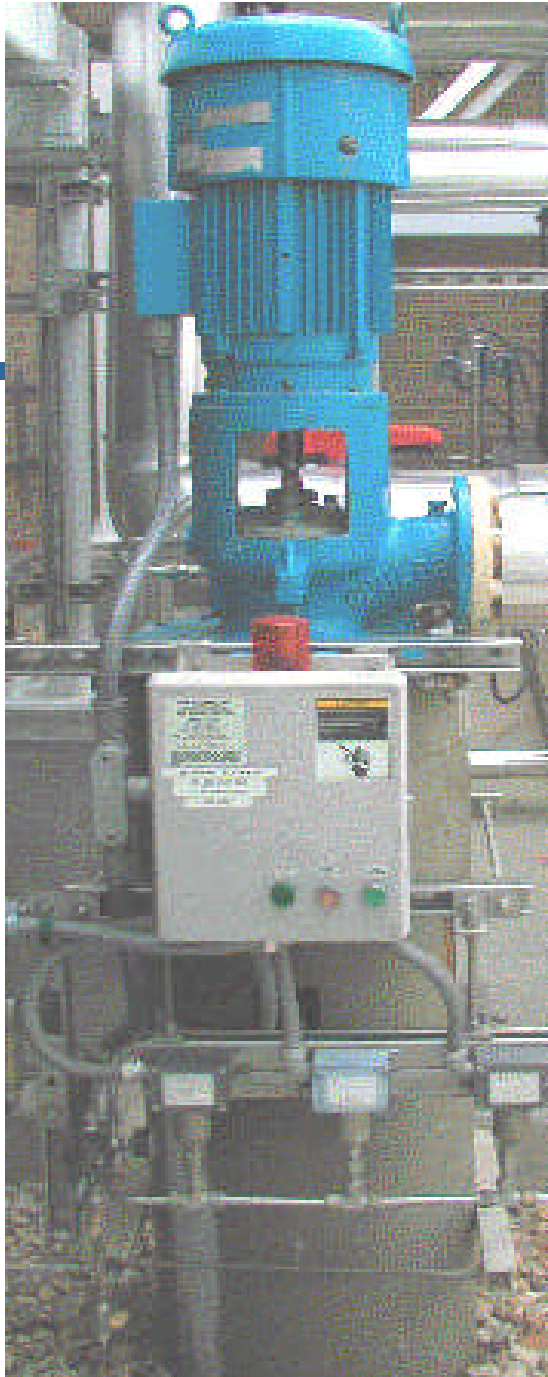




# Pickle Elementary

































# Other Examples Around Texas

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- **Baylor Medical Center     Houston**

*35% of cooling tower makeup from condensate*

- **Reynolds Aluminum     Corpus Christi**

*As much as one fourth of plant water comes from harvest rainwater (as much as 2.5 MGD)*

- **Cement Plants Around Texas**

*50% to 70% of plant water from runoff*

**City Services & Rebates**

**and**

**Other Tax Incentives**

**&**

**Funding Sources**

# Incentive\$

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- Your Savings
- Property Tax Break
- Sales Tax Break
- Special Rebates
- Public Image



# Performance Contracting

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- ❖ **Available for the first time for water for all government entities in Texas**
- ❖ **Water to be included in all audits of facilities for first time**

# City Incentives & Services

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- **Rebates based on amount of water saved**
- **Services including:**  
information, on-site surveys, newsletters, employee training programs, awards, links to other sources, and more.

# **Some Rules of Thumb**

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- **Rainwater Harvesting**
- **Condensate Recovery**
- **Quantifying Other Sources**

# Rainwater Harvesting

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- One inch of rain = 0.623 gallons of water per square feet.
- Holdup by collection surface
  - Metal Roof 0.06 inches per rain event**
  - Composition Roof 0.12 inches per event**
  - Flat roof 0.20 inches per event**
  - Pavement 0.15 to 0.3 inches per event**

# Rainwater Collection Equation

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Ending storage = Starting Storage +  
Rainfall + Other Sources      Use  
Evaporative Loss.

**If ending storage less than zero = zero**

**If ending storage more than cistern  
volume than ending storage = cistern  
volume**

# Air Conditioner Condensate

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- First find out normal latent heat percent (LHp) for your area from HVAC companies
- Maximum Condensate (*gal. per hour*)  
=  $100 \times \text{LHp} \times 1.44 \times \text{Ton-hours of actual operation}$

# Other Sources

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- You will need to measure flow using one of the following methods.

**Metered use**

**Bucket and Stopwatch** (1 gpm = 1440 gal.  
per day)

**Manufacturers data**

# BENCHMARKING

**How do I  
compare to  
other facilities  
like me?**



# Office building efficiency benchmarks

End Use/Benchmark Measure	N	Efficiency Benchmark Range*
INDOOR USE		
Gal./sf/year	62	9 - 15
Gal./employee/day	72	9 - 16
COOLING USE**		
Gal./sf/year	49	8.5 - 22
IRRIGATION USE**		
Inches per year	47	26 - 50
TOTAL WATER USE**		
Gal./sf/year	62	26 - 35

\* Developed from combined methods (field studies, audit data, and modeling results)

\*\* Appropriate benchmarks will depend upon local climate.

# School efficiency benchmarks

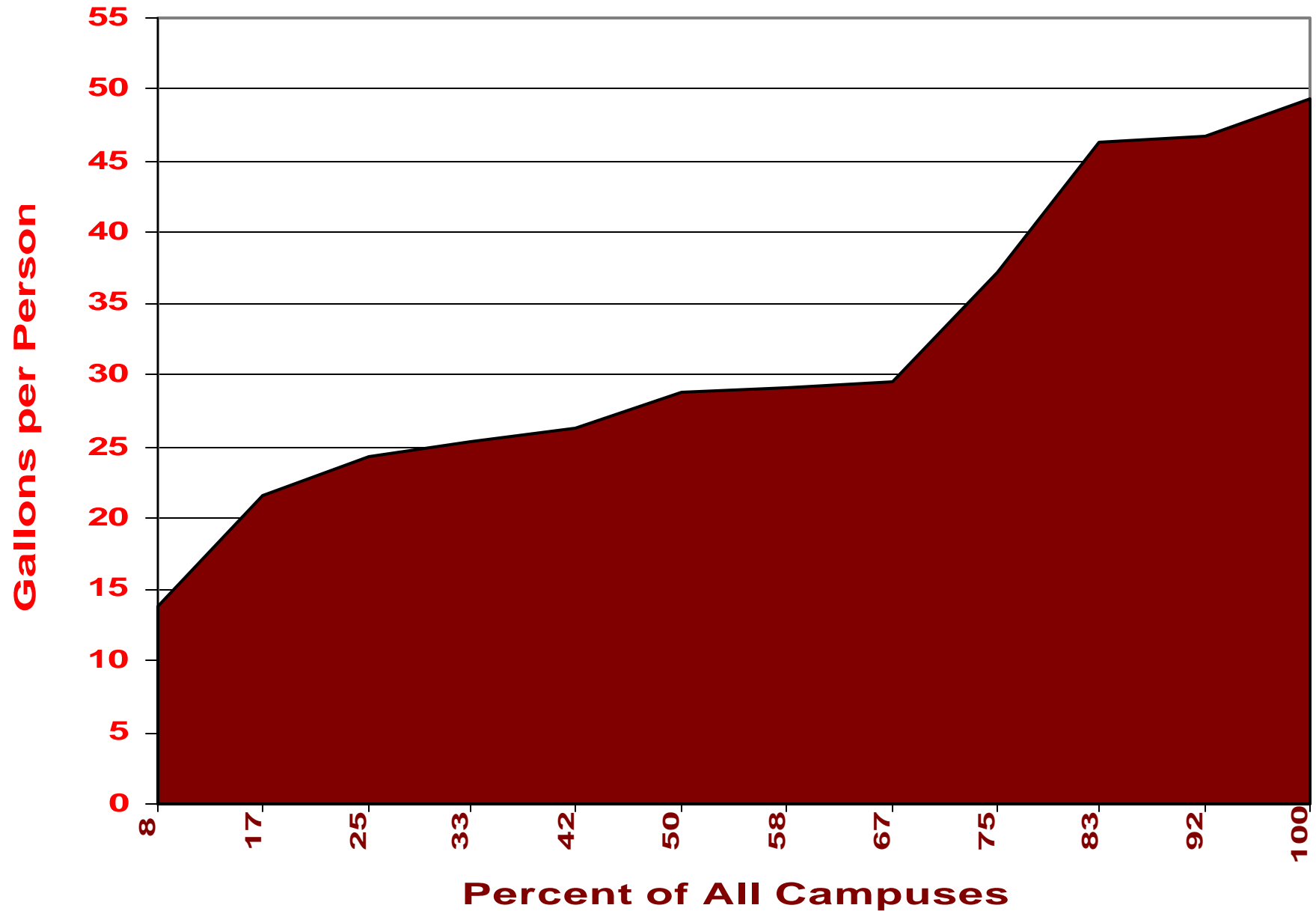
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Gal./person/day	141	3 - 15
<b>COOLING USE**</b>		
Gal./sf/year	35	8 - 20
<b>IRRIGATION USE**</b>		
Inches per year	132	22 - 50
<b>TOTAL WATER USE**</b>		
Gal./sf/year	142	40 - 93

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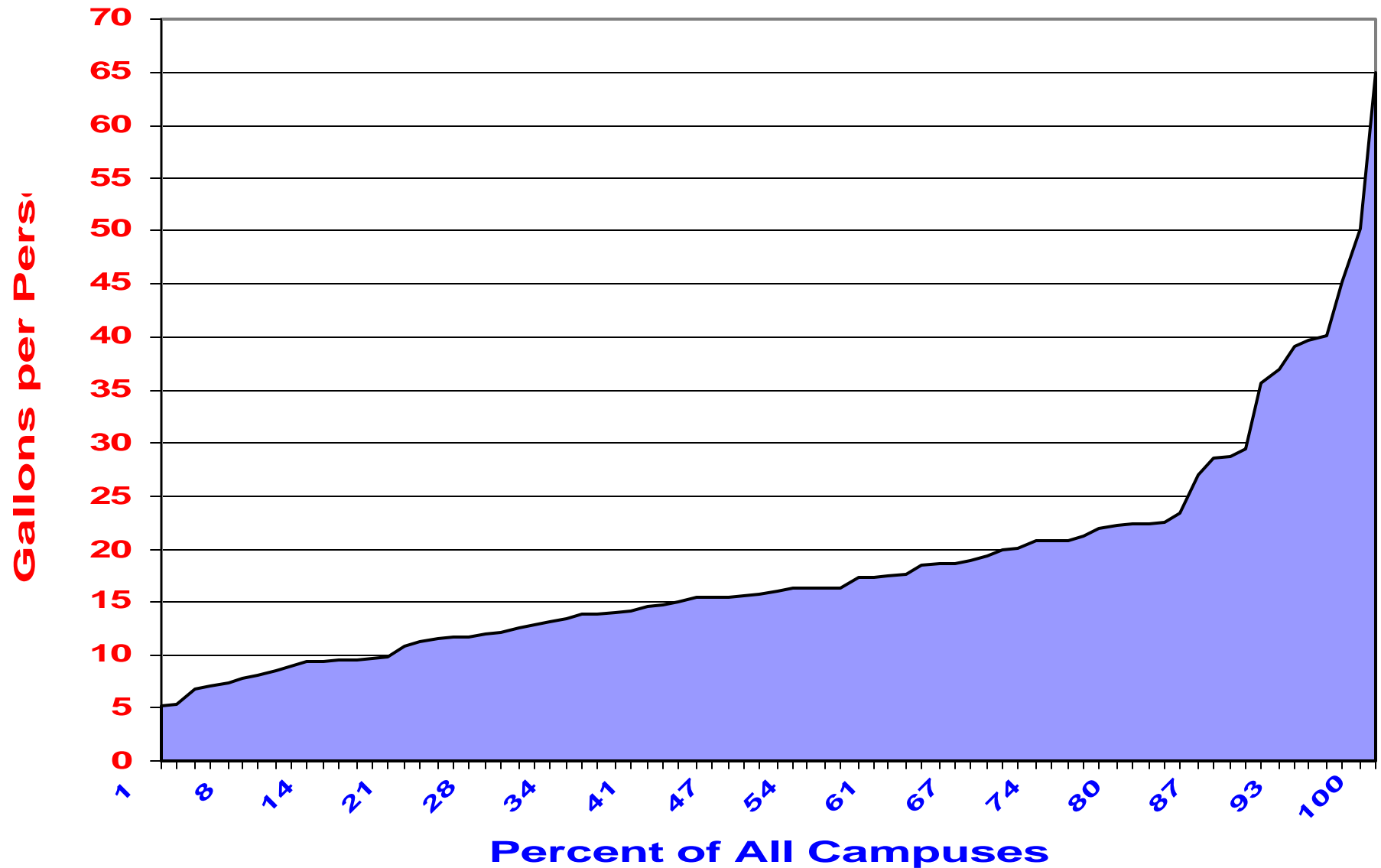
# High School Water Use in Austin

*Gallons per Person Per Day*



# Elementary School Water Use in Austin

*Gallons per Person Per Day*



# The Seven Questions



**How much?**



**Where?**



**When?**



**How?**



**Who?**



**Why?**



**What other way?**

# The Eight Steps

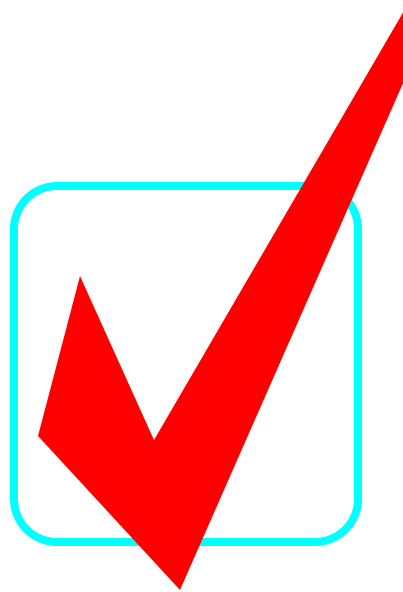
- ★ Involve Management
- ★ Designate Responsibility
- ★ Survey System - Audit
- ★ Involve / Reward Employees
- ★ Analyze Possibilities - *The Plan*
- ★ Implement Plan of Action
- ★ Show Progress to Employees
- ★ Evaluate & Revise

Finally Remember

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***End***